

MINUTES OF THE GEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AREA STAFF MEETING, 26 JUNE 1960

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PRESENT: Messrs. [REDACTED]

1. Travel Plans

a. D/GG

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[REDACTED] trip has been extended through 22 July.

2. Significant Conversations and Contacts

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[REDACTED] reported on a meeting held between D/GG [REDACTED] 25X1A9a  
D/GG, and DD/P [REDACTED] at which Mr. [REDACTED] discussed a TAD 25X1A9a  
type of report on an area in which DPD is particularly interested.  
25X1A9a [REDACTED] questions whether this report is really needed. It was  
suggested that a case might be made of this and brought up before the  
25X1A9a Agency Publications Board for decision. [REDACTED] reported that 25X1A9a  
[REDACTED] has also requested the reproduction of 9 maps originally  
25X1A9a prepared for [REDACTED] stated that permission will have  
to be obtained from FE before we can fill this request. [REDACTED] 25X1A9a  
added that, upon his return from the IGU Meetings, he plans to arrange  
for himself and Chiefs, D/GG and D/GC to be thoroughly briefed on DPD  
missions and functions.

3. Problems

a. D/GG Clerical Problem

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[REDACTED] reported that St/A is looking into possibilities  
for solving this problem.

4. Sub-Marginal Personnel

Division Chiefs were reminded that supervisors should be very  
careful in their evaluation of personnel during "probationary" period.  
If any personnel are marginal in performance, then is the time to make  
this known.

5. Geographers' Exchange

The US-USSR Exchange of Geographers has been called off on both  
sides by the Russians.

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6. IGU Matters

a. Briefing

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██████████ reported that he held a briefing of IGU participants this morning.

b. Information Picked up at IGU

Anything picked up at IGU by Agency personnel will be brought in through the OCR mechanism. In addition, debriefing sessions may be held upon our return.

c. Income Tax Deductions

Income tax deductions will be allowed for those personnel attending the IGU Meetings on their own as this money is being spent on professional improvement.

7. Storage for Special Maps

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25X1A9a ██████████ asked what had been done toward establishing a room for the storage of special maps. ██████████ is going to look into the problem.

8. Rock Project

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25X1A1a 25X1A6a Continuation of the ██████████ has been approved up to an expenditure of ██████████ St/A is taking care of transferring ██████████, 25X1A9a (with ██████████ held in reserve). ██████████ is to work with St/A in formulating instructions for the remainder of this project. 25X1A1a

9. Africa External Research Contract

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██████████ asked that D/GC do some advance planning for an External Research Contract on Africa so that it can be included in the FY 62 budget.

10. Acting AD/RR, 11 July to 15 August

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██████████, Ch/E, will be Acting AD/RR during Dr. Guthe's absence from 11 July to 15 August.

11. Monthly Report Items

It was suggested that the Divisions give a little more background in Monthly Report items.

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